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Dear Sir:

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Dear Sir:

To comply with the requirements of McKesson Information Solutions v. Bridge Medical, 487 F.3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007), Applicants have enclosed an additional list of applications and prosecution correspondence associated with those applications that may be related to the present application. The prosecution correspondence may include office actions, office action responses, notices of allowance, issue notifications, and/or prosecution correspondence presented in related case(s). However, no representation is made that any supplied prosecution correspondence may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103.

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